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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David Elliott Whitten et al.
Applic. No. : 09/481,640
Filed : January 12, 2000
Title : Variable Length Cutting Device
Examiner : Clark F. Dexter
Group Art Unit : 3724

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 2000, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement in item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, applicants elect:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a cutting device with a specific transfer cylinder structure for prosecution at this time.